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THE PURPOSE

All those who journey, soon or late
Must pass within the Garden's Gate,
Must kneel alone in darkness there
And battle with some fierce despair.
God pity those who cannot say:
'Not mine, but Thine;' who only pray,—
'Let this cup pass-' and cannot see
The purpose in Gethsemane."

AN UNOFFICIAL OBSERVER ON THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO.

(By George W. Hinman)

One can travel all over the world in the movies, or in the pages of **Asia** and the **National Geographic**, with little expense and trouble. But you can get the real thing, actual experience in strange land amid uniquely interesting conditions, with little more of time and expense, by crossing the imaginary line between San Diego, California and El Paso and the shallow Rio Grande River into Mexico. The you cannot always have a cushion seat nor have the pictures explain to you in English. But a few hours journey from Los Angeles in a Pullman car will put you in the midst of a national life as distinct and as interesting as if you had crossed the Atlantic or the Pacific.

You might indeed have less real contact with the life of the people as a tourist in the treaty ports of Asia than in a trip down the West Coast of Mexico, where they have not yet begun to make things over to suit the traveler. Not time nor money but a quickness of adaptation to unaccustomed conditions, a ready and responsive sympathy for people of different customs and social traditions, a knowledge of Spanish and acceptance of Spanish courtesies as the proper and natural means of intercourse, these are the "travelers needs" for a visit to our Congregational mission field stretching a thousand miles south from the border.

Nogales, Arizona, is the starting point, with all the formality of an immigrant's certificate, baggage inspection, and the change of money into pesos and centavos. You can go first class or second class in the day coaches, but it is better to make gradual adjustments to a Spanish-speaking and Spanish acting environment by taking the Pullman car, where contacts and communications are still mostly American. On the way back you may be ready to plunge into the currents of Mexican life, eat at the stands along the road while the train waits and share in the courteous interchanges which are unfailing with even the poorest of people.

There is interest everywhere, in the unique beauty of the island Hermosillo of the coast islands. The villages of the Yaqui and the Mayo Indians, the new industrial centers of the sugar industry like Los Mochis, the shipping points for the rich mines, as well as the great stretches of fertile undeveloped lands, covered with mesquite and the pipe organ cactus, all intrigue you.

But it is the human interest that bulks largest and is most cherished. The contacts with brilliant and devoted Mexican associates of our missionary teachers at Mazatlan and Hermosillo, with the splendidly hospitable family of our Mexican pastor at Culiacan, with American consuls and mining engineers and tomato ranchers,as well as with the cordial and delightful missionary hosts, would have been rewarding enough. But what I went for, and what I found was a great needy field of Chinese and Japanese in these Mexican cities and villages, many of whom had had previous touch with Christian influences in China and Japan or California. The chance to renew and strengthen these influences and to suggest to the large groups of Orientals, isolated there in a strange land, the outreach of helpfuiness from their Christian fellow countrymen and American Christians in the United States, was most rewarding and brought many heartening surprises.

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WHERE IS HEAVEN?

Where is Heaven? Is it not
Just a friendly garden plot,
Walled with stone and roofed with sun,
Where the days pass one by one,
Not too fast and not too slow,
Looking backward as they go
At the beauties left behind
To transport the pensive mind.

Does not Heaven begin that day
When the eager heart can say,
Surely God is in this place,
I have seen Him face to face
In the loveliness of flowers,
In the service of the showers,
And His voice has talked to me
In the sunlit apple tree.

—Bliss Carman.

LORENZO SLOCUM

The Pacific announces that Lorenzo Slocum of Escondido will act as its agent in Southern California for securing new subscribers. We are especially glad to make this announcement on account of the wonderful service Mr. Slocum is rendering to the Home Missionary work of our churches.

He is agent for all publications, many of which have special clubbing rates. Formerly 75 per cent of all the commissions and bonus he received he has turned over to the Home Missionary Society, only deducting his 25 per cent, out of which he paid the expense. Recently he has been prevented from carrying on his usual employment by serious sickness. He finds that he can however continue in this service in the churches; but hereafter he will be able to give to the missionary service only 75 per cent of his net earnings.

We are glad to commend him to the churches, and to avail ourselves of his assistance.

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION.

The church at Suisun entertained the association which was made up of 35 pastors and delegates. It was one of the best ever held in the district. Supt. Minchin brought a message from the State body an Mrs. Ranney from the Womans Board.

The matter of uniting this association with th Sacramento was presented by Rev. R. C. Day, bu action upon the matter was postponed for one yea

Rev. E. D. Hale spoke in behalf of the Nationa Council proposal for organic union and unanimou vote was passed, in its favor.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

At the Annual meeting of the conference at Glen dale, there were 83 pastors present, 146 delegates and a total of 292, not including visitors from th vicinity.

Supt. Kengott presented in his report the follow in interesting figures:- The total contribution from the churches on the apportionment were $111,1 883. The Churches have 21,212 members, 7,619 men and 13,593, women.

The following were the increases for the year: Churches 2; members 1100; Y. P. S. members 142 Gifts on apportionment $10,345; Home expenses $255 554; Value of church property, $461,650; Amount o debt, $9,798.

The total value of church property is $3,198,000 The average salary is $2100.

A SYMPATHETIC INTERPRETER.

When the reader makes his first acquaintance with John A. Hutton, the great preacher of Glascow who has just gone to London to succeed Jowett, he is enraptured: and it is to the credit of the author of "Discerning the Times" and "Our Ambiguous Life" and other books that the rapture does not pass away on longer acquaintance. There is a peculiar charm not only in his language and style but in his thought.

"Our Ambiguous Life" (issued by the Pilgrim Press) is largely a study of the New Testament teachings, and that chiefly of Jesus and Paul. For instance in one chapter he discusses the matter of 'used-up-capital', that condition "when it dawns upon a religious soul that we may have more power or we shall fail". He has linked the two words of Jesus, 'The wind bloweth where it listeth' and 'ask and ye shall receive', as the text for the sermon upon "Revival"; the one thing assured."

Or again in handling what he styles "The story of ten young girls", (Matt.xxv:1-13), he reveals to his reader that the parable means that there is sure

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be a later demand of life which must be prepared for; "things never really take the course which we would like them to take; so it is always wise to have resources to fall back upon, that we may not be taken unawares, or thrown into any amazement."

Preachers will make no mistake in getting better acquainted with this great preacher of London; and the lay-folks will have many an illumination of life and of the scriptures by reading him.

CHURCH NEWS

Suisun: Edmunds Owens, pastor. The church has suffered a great loss in the death of B. F. Woolner, who came to Suisun 60 years ago where he has lived his long life. He was nearly 93 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, who is a charter member of the church. The pastor conducted the funeral services of Ah Tim, a highly valued Chinese who had lived in this community for 50 years and who had the confidence of Americans as well as the Chinese. Upwards of 300 Chinese were in the funeral procession which was led by a Native Son's Chinese Band from San Francisco.

Sonoma: Isaac Cookman, pastor. This church holds its annual meeting in the spring. The last one, on May 30, showed a marked progress for the past year. The church has doubled its financial support in the five years of the present pastorate. There were fourteen additions during the year. The church has a good Prayer and Bible Study class for adults on Wednesday evening.

Escondido: W. A. Schwimley, pastor. At the annual meeting on May 11th, 100 sat down to the tables for the annual dinner. All reports were encouraging. In the five months of the new pastorate 24 had been received into the church. All bills were paid and money in the treasury. The church increased the salary by $100. The morning audiences are crowding the auditorium. The pastor preached for the graduating class of the High School, and also addressed the grammar graduating class.

Berkeley, First: O. W. S. McCall, pastor. Just before leaving for his vacation the pastor received 10 new members into the church. He will spend part of his vacation at Lake Tahoe, in company with Miles B. Fisher the new Associate Pastor.

Prof. Charles Atwood Kofoid writes at length on "Amoeba and Man" in the April issue of the University of California Chronicle. The article is illustrated by three plates. He says, "As many of you know, the amoeba is regarded as one of the simplest forms of life, a single cell without organs of any sort, abundant wherever sufficient moisture is found for their existence, they cannot live in open air, in encysted stages they are carried far and wide by the dust of the atmosphere, indeed the very dust on the desk before me may be expected to contain a host of the omnipresent, free living amoebae."

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS

The Congregational ministers of Seattle and vicinity held their last regular meeting before the summer vacation, May 28th. The program included a paper by Rev. H. M. McDowell, on "The Human Element in the Gospel Record," which was highly commended. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Rev. J. D. Hudson, president; Rev. H. M. McDowell, vice-president; Rev. Joseph Weiss, secretary-treasurer. Our Ministerial Association has been meeting twice a month with a fair attendance, but with a very small representation at the monthly meetings of the Seattle Ministerial Union, embracing all Protestant denominations, of which Rev. Carl H. Veazle, pastor of Prospect Congregational Church, has been elected president for the coming year. The Congregational ministers voted to hold but one meeting a month, separately, hereafter, and give better support to the Union body.

College student workers are beginning to arrive for summer work. One is already on the Burbank, Wallula, Attalia circuit, and one at Ferdinand and Westlake, in Idaho. Two Yale divinity students will work in Northern Idaho.

Whitman College gave the honorary degree of D.D to Rev. W.. D. Robinson, pastor of the Congregational Church at Yakima. He delivered the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, June 10th.

Twenty-five hundred students of Whitman College and citizens of Walla Walla participated in a pageant, "Winning of the West," dramatizing a book written by President S. B. Penrose. This gigantic spectacle, which occupied two days, June 6th and 7th, was witnessed by 26,000 people.

Rev. Fred Grey, Secretary of Religious Education, has issued the following call to the Congrega-

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tional Young People of 15 years and over, in the State of Washington: ARISE! Ye Pilgrims. Flee from the Oppressions of the Hour. Let us find Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness at Lisebula, Vashon Island, July 11-18.

What is known as "Congregational Week End" will be observed in its Sixth Annual Pilgrimage, July 20-23, at Seabeck, which is noted for its warm salt water swimming and for its scenic wonders of mountains, woods, tides and beautiful sunsets—an ideal spot for the vacationist. This place is accessible by water or by ferry and auto. Colman Brothers and David Whitcomb invite eighty Pilgrims to be their guests on their private yachts.

Of the $12,000 which the Seattle Church Extension Society has undertaken to raise within the next two years, $10,000 are now in sight. A benefit lecture for this fund was given June 12th, by David Whitcomb, who, as a member of the party which entered the Royal Egyptian Sepulchre, told of his experiences, "In the Tomb of Tutankhamen," The lecture was illustrated with seventy slides and was attended by an audience of about 300, who thus contributed one dollar each, toward the building of our new Columbia Church.

The West Seattle Ford Agency has proposed to give Rev. H. M. McDowell, pastor of the Fairmount Congregational Church, a regular salesman's contract with the understanding that he will secure the co-operation of the church and Sunday School members as far as possible in securing prospects. He will be allowed the regular commission on the sales made from these prospects, until he has enough commissions to pay for a car, which will then become the property of the Church to be used in its work by the pastor. H. F. B.

BOOKS

Lucius H. Bugbee in a small volume of 96 pages writes concisely and instructively about six of the present day leaders, Gandhi, Clemenceau, Lenin, Coue, Lloyd George, and Einstein. In a few brief lines he condenses the significance to the world of each of these men; and then seeks to get from a Christian standpoint an estimate of their value, their place in the divine plan of world progress. His title is exact, "Living Leaders Judged by Christian Standards."' The scholarship and intensive study which produced so small and so effective a volume is remarkable. Five hundred pages would have been easier; less than one hundred pages is indicative of great self-restraint. And this is an asset. ((The Abingdon Press.)

William L. Stidger built up a great church in San Jose; his successor often preaches to one thousand people at a Sunday evening service. Mr. Stidger has obtained a considerable reputation as a live-wire in the ministry. He is now pastor of a church in Detroit which is somewhat in the lime-light because of its present incumbent. He is the author of six books, the last of which he has styled "Adventures in Humanity." A purchaser of this volume expecting a careful study of human nature or anything particularly deep or valuable will be disappointed. Mr. Stidger writes in its 255 pages very largely of his personal interviews with troubled souls; it is a sort of journal of ministerial experiences, such as any warm-hearted pastor will have especially in a large church. His style is not very winsome, being rather too familiar, and there is a great deal (perhaps unavoidably) of Mr. Stidger himself in the text. There are people who will really enjoy the book. (George H. Doran Company.)

REDEDICATION

The church at Campbell has improved its property at a cost of about $13,000. On Sunday June 17th the church was re-dedicated with a big congregation filling the new auditorium to capacity. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto preached an able sermon on "If the Lord Build the House"; and Charles G. Marshall of Sunnyvale offered the dedicatory praver.

The whole building has been beautified: the interior is enhanced by a memorial window in honor of the first pastor Rev. William Windsor who was in charge of the field for fourteen years. The services of dedication were very touching and the church starts out apparently with new life and courage.

William Eckles is pastor.

Safed the Sage has issued another volume of his amusing and instructing Parables. These have been appearing in the Congregationalist, the Continent, and Christian Century, much to the edification of thousands of readers. His publishers are The Pilgrim Press of Boston.

THE SOUTHLAND.

The Pico Heights church of Los Angeles had a successful Children's Day on June 10th. The school enrolls about 200. The pastor, John M. Schaefle spoke on "Our most valuable possesions", referring to Christ's indignation when he drove the money changers out of the Temple, and also his rebuke to his disciples for keeping the children back from him. The church issues a weekly paper called "The Clarion".

A recognition council for the new Finnish Congregational Church of Los Angeles was held on Sunday evening, June 10th, at which they were formerly welcomed into the family of Congregationalism. They start out with a charter membership of 28, and as there are some 500 Finns in the city they have a

d for expansion. At present they are being served
e a month by an out-of-town pastor of their own
ionality.

On June 28th a council was held to recognize
Chinese Congregational Church of Los Angeles.
ey meet in the First Church on Sunday afternoons,
hope soon to have a building of their own. They
e already acquired a lot, and were in process of
sing a building fund and going ahead with the
erprize when their pastor suddenly died three
nths ago. But they were not disheartened altoher; they mean to press on to the goal of a plant
their own.

Rev. Wm. H. Hopkins of Manitou, Col. has entered
on the pastorate of the Olivet Church, Los Angeles
ginning June 10th. It is a rather forbidding field,
he has abundant courage and means to make it
oductive.

Grace Church, Los Angeles, reports a recent inease of 56 members under the leadership of Rev.
T. Thomas, who began work there last fall.

Rev. George R. Lockwood, who recently resigned
m Chula Vista, will spend some time this summer
ing lectures on the total eclipse of the sun, which
urs on September 10th and which will be visible
Catalina Island and in the region of San Diego.

Rev. Frank Dyer of Wiltshire Church, Los Angeles,
been spending three weeks in Chicago and vicin, seeking to interest people of wealth there, who
re friends of the late Rev. F. Gunsaulus, in a
morial to te great preacer.

Rev. George A. Neeld has tendered his resignation
pastor of the Claremont Church, effective July 1.

Rev. L. A. Goddard, of the Olivet Church, Los Anles, whose serious illness was reported last month,
ered into the life beyond on the 17th inst. He was
ried at Escondido, where he held a pastorate for
ven years.

—C. J. .T

OUR FORUM

dear Mr. Oakley:—

Will you permit a word of testimony called forth
the editorial in the May issue of the Pacific on
he New York Office"? For eleven years I have
n Minister of our Church in Fresno. In this time
annot recall that any person from the New York
ice, or from any Board, or from the State organiion has attempted to regulate our local affairs
to deprive us of our liberties. No one tells us
go or to come. We remain a simple Congreganal Church, determining all our policies by maity vote of the members.

At times we have asked help from National offices
have received it. At other times these offices have sent us suggestions, a few of which we have followed to our great advantage. We have received from the Commission on Evangelism valuable help. We have been stimulated directly and indirectly by our National offices to give about seven times as much for benevolences as we were wont to give a day when we were more simple folk. We responded to an invitation to help raise a considerable fund for ministers' pensions, a fund which probably could not have been raised in the days of our less efficient organization. Often we have failed to do what we have been asked to do. But no one of our secretaries has made things unpleasant for us. We would not allow anyone in the New York office, or in any office, to make us uncomfortable so long as we are doing what we believe to be right. An uneasy conscience sometimes makes things unpleasant. And I must admit that occasionally the national offices do cause us to check up on ourselves.

I have been a member of the Board of Trustees of our State Conference for a number of years and for the last two years a member of the executive committee and in regular attendance at the monthly meetings. I cannot remember that we have ever felt ourselves under the thumb of overseers, nor that we have been "told to go." Sometimes the New York office, acting on behalf of the Commission on Missions or some other Board, presents rather definite recommendations. If after hearing the plan presented we decide that some other way suits our local situation better, I have never noticed that they make things unpleasant for us. They may disapprove our action but they do not attempt, and we would not allow them to make us uncomfortable.

As to overhead expenses. They are considerable. I wish they might be less. But we must remember that overhead expenses are not something new in our Congregational work. They always have been big. It costs money to raise and spend money. I have not the data at hand, but I rather suspect that our present overhead is not larger in proportion to our total budget than in the days when we operated less unitedly. However, I shall agree with those who believe that overhead expenses should be cut to the minimum. To waste money is always sinful; it is doubly so in the case of a benevolence organization. The fact is that our New York office is now urging a plan of the reorganization of our promotion work which. if we adopt it, will cut from the overhead of the various Boards an amount more than equal to the total operating expenses of the Commission on Missions.

It may be that there have been needless expenses. If so ought we not to point out what they are? It is possible that some official has shown himself officious. If this be true we might reprimand him rather than condemn the whole organization.

As to politics in our National organization, of which you indicate we have too much. During two meetings of the National Council and one of the Commission on Missions, I must bear testimony that I have never heard anyone trying to influence the vote of any other person in any way other than by presentation of the merits of the question at issue. However, if it be true that we have politics of an odious nature, we ought to be rid of them. But we shall hardly accomplish this through any different form of organization, be it more simple or more complex.

The thing of consequence in our newer Congregationalism is not that we should have the simplicity of a former day or the particular kind of democracy we once had. Our former way is no god that we should worship it. This is a different world from that in which our fathers lived. We cannot live in our world as they lived in theirs. The tendency of our day in every phase of life is toward united action. We can't resist it. We ought not to desire to. It is making for a new and better democracy. We ought to consider, not whether we liked the old way better than the new, but whether by the old way or the new we can make the deeper impression and spread farther the Christian gospel. I have more faith in the new way. I believe it will raise more money and save more money, and build better the Kingdom of God.

Furthermore, am wondering if our newer method does not meet better our old ideal of simplicity and democracy. Seven or eight Boards operating separately and all appealing to the same churches is not quite the epitome of simplicity. If somehow these Boards can learn to act unitedly and without duplication of effort, is this not in the direction of a more simple rather than a more complex organization? This is the thing that is in the process of realization.

We all of us believe in democracy. But democracy means more than just the freedom of the local church to mind its own affairs without interference by an hierarchy. It means the right of a local church to help determine policies of the National Boards. We have traditionally guarded our local freedom and ignored our national responsibilities. The church of which I am Minister feels that without losing any of its former independence, it has gained a voice in the control of our national endeavors.

I am writing these paragraphs for two reasons; first, because of the importance of the question which was raised in the editorial referred to; and second, because I wish the readers of the Pacific to be assured that the editorials express the mind of the editor and not that of the persons who have been made responsible for the publication. Some share your views. Some do not. All, of course, de sire that your editorial column shall be untram melled.

With kind personal regards,

THOS. T. GIFFEN.

Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

A GRASS SEED.

I am holding something on my finger so sma that only those in the front row can see it at all.

I will drop it on the floor. Listen,—it makes n no sound at all. If I left it there, the janitor woul sweep it up with the dust and that would be the en of it.

But if I place it in rich moist earth and let it l in the sun, in a few days it will open up and do som thing—the only thing that it can do; and somethin that nothing else in all the world can do unless it l another speck just like it. No chemist in his labo atory can do what this tiny seed can do. For that what it is, a grass seed. Before the week is out will send down a delicate thread of root and unfo a pair of tiny green leaves; and then between the will shoot up a little blade of grass. And it will gro up and up, and if the lawnmower doesn't get it, in very few weeks we have something like this (sho ing a grass plant with seed and roots). All this gre from one seed.

You remember the Parable of the Sower, how son seed brought forth thirty-fold and sixty-fold and hundred fold. Do you know what that means? Ho many seeds do you suppose there are on this gra plant? (The children guess—60 to 90). I have count them and there are actually 140. That grass se brought forth 140-fold.

Jesus was sowing the truth like seeds in t hearts of the people. Many did not listen at a some listened a little while and then thought something else they would rather do. But the dis ples stayed by. They were the good soil. Think h many churches Paul started, every church full new Christians. Paul must have brought forth thousand fold.

"Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

POMONA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The general feeling about the Commencement t year is that it was the best yet. A new feature w the College and Community service on Sunday mo ing at the Congregational Church where Dorem Scudder gave an address upon the "Perfect Will" a great congregationtion.

The Baccalaurate sermon was preac[illegible] at

n air theatre of the college by President James Blaisdell, who took for his theme "The Central ". "We have our intellectual world and our indi- ual world of friendship and feeling; nevertheless re are impulses which pour through all our in- dual lives and stir us alike, even in our differ- es."

he class of 1898 had its quarter century reunion, ıt of the ten living graduates being present. They ımemorated this reunion by a gift of $20,000.

n Commencement day 146 graduates received the A. degree and 9 others the M. A. degree. The de- e of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. ɔert N. Brink, a member of the class of 1898.

THE LAND BEYOND

rs. Maude Champlin, wife of Rev. C. C. Champlin Sonoma, died after an illness of several months. was a graduate of the University of California during the last few years she had been teaching ı in the grammar grade schools and later in the ı school of Sonoma.

rs. Champlin had proven herself a valuable help- n the church where among other things she had rge of the music. Her death is felt to be a great in that community. She had a large circle of m friends throughout all our churches. She es behind a husband and two sons, aged 11 and

IN BRIEF.

ı an automobile collision near Bakersfield both and Mrs. E. E. Evans of Mill Valley were ser- ly injuried, narrowly escaping death. They are in a hospital at that city. Horace Pitkin who was ı them received minor injuries.

rof. Albert Fitch of Amherst College preached the calaureate sermon at the Stanford University. also occupied the pulpit of the Memorial Church he Campus, a few Sunday mornings preceding mencement. He heartily enjoyed his visit to the len State; and was heartily enjoyed by the cam- folk.

r. A. P. Peck, who in the early days of the Amer- Board work in China, went there as a Medical ionary, passed over into the other life on June at an advanced age. He was a member of the Church of Oakland from 1900 to 1919.

e Santa Clara "Prunes," a group of intellectuals ıe Santa Clara Valley, held their June out-door ing in a grove on the Stanford campus, and y discussed Papini's Life of Christ. While it felt by many that the author had made no con- tion of knowledge in a better understanding sus for those who were familiar with the New Testament story; he still had accomplished a fine result in that a multitude of people who do not know their Bibles are reading his book and thus get- ting somewhat in touch with the Master.

The M. E. M. (which means Missionary Education Movement) will be holding this month at Asilomar a most important inspiring and instructive Confer- ence of Church workers. In the midst of it (July 13 to 16) will be a Men's Conference to consider Christ- tian Internationalism. In the M. E. M. Conference, Home and Foreign problems will be studied. The fac- ulty roll includes some of the leading workers of all denominations. The Congregational Headquarters 423 Phelan Building, can furnish all information, and answer all questions.

Among the newspaper-writers of the ministry is Albert W. Palmer who runs a column in the Hon- olulu Star-Bulletin. It is wise, shrewd, and full of 'pep'. Mr. Palmer has his own point of view, and even if all of the subscribers will not agree with him, they will read him.

Mrs. Charles D. Boyles, whose husband is pastor of the Sunset Church San Francisco, had accepted a position as teacher in the Daily Vacation Bible School of First Church of Oakland, but was obliged to cancel the engagement on account of serious in- jury to her foot.

THE MINISTER

Carl W. Wolter, formerly pastor of a German Con- gregational church in Fresno, has been demitted from the ministry by a special meeting of the Ger- man Congregational Conference, on account of con- duct unbecoming a minister.

Hugh Vernon White has been called to the Red- wood City and Stockton churches. He accepts the latter call and is already at work in that city. Mr. White is a graduate of the Pacific School of Re- ligion, and has been a member of the Disciple de- nomination. His last service was rendered in Hono- lulu in connection with the Anti-Saloon League.

Charles R. Fisher, who has for nearly twenty-one years acted as the secretary of the Northern Cali- fornia Sunday School Association, has resigned his office to take effect on October 1. Mr. Fisher is a

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graduate of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and has devoted all his ministerial life to the Sunday School interests of this state.

Rev. C. Fremont Roper passed quietly over the line in his sleep on the night of June 1. He had not been in good health for some time; but had during his residence in California served the church at Crockett and recently the Richmond church of this city. He was a man of fine spirit, and had rendered a noble service as a servant of God.

Rev. Albert W. Palmer of Honolulu was recently called back to California by the serious illness of his mother in the southern part of the state.

Arthur S. Ford, in charge of the Ocean View church of San Francisco, underwent an operation recently but has recovered sufficiently to resume his work with his church.

PRAYER, INSTINCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE.

Two books on prayer have recently come to our desk which almost seem under telepathic influence to have been written to supplement each other. One is the "Psychology of Prayer" by Prof. Karl R. Stoltz (The Abingdon Press): and the other "Prayer as a force" by A. Maude Royden (G. P. Putnam's Sons).

"Prayer is religion alive," says Prof. Stoltz, and that will disabuse any one's mind of the suspicion that he has written from the point of view of m chanics so to speak. There is here no unsympathe or irreverent approach to prayer" nor a "cold l tellectualism". What the author attempts, and rea does, is to disengage the "human elements" in prayer experience and to range them along side ot known mental factors for comparison.

"The botanist knows that when he has dissec a rose, he no longer has a rose;" likewise when has got the different elements of the prayer perience, he has no longer prayer. Praying is m than its psychology.

Miss Maude A. Royden in "Prayer as a For undertakes something somewhat different; she tends that "prayer is as real and living a force the world as any of the great forces revealed to by Natural Science." She too believes we must derstand the nature and laws of prayer in or that we may be "able to pray with power".

The book is a collection of ten addresses given "Worship: The God within us; Faith: Unansw Sunday evenings in London; and while not a nected series are practically related. She writes Prayers: Prayer for Others; To whom do we P The Eternal God."

The discussion of intercessory prayer is most isfying. She seems to regard prayer as essent an asking. The fact is that she is the fore woman preacher in the world guarantees both intellectual and spiritual value of her writing.

These two books—the one by Prof. Stoltz and by Maude Royden ought surely to be on the she of all ministers; and will be joyfully and profit read by those who have been enriched by Fosd "Meaning of Prayer".

The Psychology of Prayer: by Karl R. Stoltz. 247: price $1.25 net The Abingdon Press.

Prayer as a Force: By A. Maude Royden. Pages G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Charles E. Jefferson in his 25th anniversary mon at the Broadway Tabernacle said that of th 269,874 people in the Borough of Manhattan, 177,406 were members of a Protestant Ch That means only 7.7 per cent of the people San Francisco it is reported that only 4 per of the people are members of a Protestant chu

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